



## Important Announcement from EGAT!

### USING EGAT CONTRACTS TO ACCELERATE AND ENHANCE MISSIONS' FIELD ACTIVITIES

Missions can use existing EGAT contracts at two stages of the procurement-to-activity process:

- Using **Task Orders**: Missions can use existing EGAT Task Orders to order quick, short-term program and project support.
- Using **IQCs**: Missions can design and implement their own multi-year Task Orders, using streamlined competition procedures to select an EGAT IQC contractor.

Each approach is designed to meet different mission needs. They require significantly different commitments of mission technical and administrative resources.

Using existing **Task Orders** is a much faster and less administratively burdensome option. Because EGAT and OP have pre-competed the Task Order, the mission does not need to conduct its own procurement action. Working with the EGAT CTO and contractor, the mission can often deliver an activity in the field within several weeks of receiving an assistance request. EGAT can assume a significant share of the technical and administrative responsibility for the project, and may be able to share the project costs.



You'll be surprised just how fast this can be!

This approach is particularly useful when a mission needs to quickly implement an individual activity, or needs technical support for its own program, and the need is outside the scope of its existing activities or technical expertise. In some cases, this may be a short-term diagnostic or pilot project designed to prepare the ground for a longer-term mission-based program.

#### **"Pros" and "Cons" of Using Existing EGAT Task Orders:**

##### **PROS:**

- ✓ Quick response.
- ✓ Less administrative burden.
- ✓ Potential for EGAT cost-sharing.
- ✓ Generally more EGAT technical support.

##### **CONS:**

- ✓ Existing EGAT Task Orders or Task Order contractors may not match mission needs.
- ✓ Not appropriate to address long-term, multiple needs.

To use existing **IQCs**, a mission conducts a new procurement action, using a streamlined contractor selection process. This process takes longer than using an existing Task Order. However, it will be considerably shorter than an entirely new procurement process because EGAT's pre-selection of the IQC contractors allows for a streamlined selection of the mission's Task Order contractor. This approach is more appropriate for a multi-year activity that will deliver a series of related field projects.

Either way you go, it's a great way to share our knowledge with you!

